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Acumenics Research & Technology, Inc.  
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Attn: 104(e) Task

Re: Artel Chemical Site, Nitro, West Virginia  
Letter to Smith Transfer Corporation  
P. O. Box 1000  
Staunton, VA

Dear Sirs:

In 1987 American Freight System purchased Smith Transfer of Staunton, Virginia and on August 16, 1988 filed bankruptcy. All records were transferred from Staunton to Sioux Falls Service Center, Sioux Falls, South Dakota which was another sub company of American Carriers.

We have searched all files and find no record of having purchased merchandise or performed any service for Artel, Fike and/or Roberts Chemical Company.

When we were unable to locate any documents indicating a service performed or purchases made, I called Acumenics at (202) 682-0565, to determine how Smith Transfer could have been involved.

I was informed that on 9/13/82, Smith Transfer transported a shipment from Harshaw Chemical Company of Gloucester, Massachusetts to Fike Chemical at Nitro, West Virginia and that the shipment moved on Smith Transfer's pro number 13172113. We no longer have a copy of that document, since ICC does not require maintenance of records for seven years.

If you have any other information that would be of a more current nature, we will certainly be willing to again search the files.

Sincerely,

M. E. Smith,  
Senior Vice President

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